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### **US, Kazakh provide medical care to Soldier**

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CAMP ILLISKY, Kazakhstan – U.S. and Kazakh Soldiers worked together to provide immediate medical care to a U.S. servicemember during the opening ceremony for Exercise Steppe Eagle.

Medical personnel with 3rd Medcom Deployment Support are at Exercise Steppe Eagle training with KAZBRIG and KAZBAT soldiers to continue to enhance their ability to work together in peacekeeping environments. Their training was put to use today when Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Raymond Prestel with 1st Battalion, 181st Field Artillery Brigade of the Tennessee Army National Guard received medical attention after feeling the affects of the heat.

“I worked closely with a Kazakhstan physician to care for the patient,” said Lt. Col. Dean Shoucair, preventive medicine physician with 3rd Medcom DS.

Prestel was given fluid, his vitals were monitored and he was taken to a medical center in Almaty to recover. The patient was fully responsive before leaving the troop medical center on Camp Illisky.

Exercises like Steppe Eagle lead to better interoperability and mutual understanding between partner nations and are an opportunity to build relationships and exchange ideas. This premiere multi-national exercise brings together more than 1,000 participants from seven militaries to cultivate those relationships and mutual understanding in the region presently, and for future operations.

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